GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:344
ANSWERED ON:10.08.2017
Promotion and Development of Sports
Rajoria Dr. Manoj

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the performance of our country is not upto the mark in athletics/sports events in comparison to other countries;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the remedial steps being taken to address the said situation; and
(c) the details of various schemes being implemented for promotion and development of sports in the country ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR
YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)
(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 344 FOR REPLY ON 10.08.2017 ASKED BY DR. MANOJ RAJORIA REGARDING PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS
(a) It is true that the performance of our country in the field of sports has been below potential.
(b) Some of the constraints that have led to this situation include, among other: -
- poor governance in sports due to lack of professionalism
- absence of strong domestic competition structure
- lack of strong talent identification and long term athlete development system
- non-integration of sports with education at school, college and university level
- inadequate support in terms of high performance coaches and other support staff, sports sciences and medicine etc.

There have been continuous efforts to address these shortcomings. The Government has notified the National Sports Development Code 2011 to ensure good-governance in sports. A number of National Sports Academies have been established in different sports disciplines such as athletics, swimming, cycling, rowing, boxing, badminton, football, hockey, etc. under which state-of-the-art facilities are provided to athletes. A strong competition structure has been created under the 'Khelo India' programme, which includes National School Games, National University Games, National Women Championship, National Rural / Tribal Games, etc.
The Government has decided to set up a National Sports University to build capacity in sports coaching, sports sciences, sports technology, sports management, etc. Under the TOPS (Target Olympic Podium Scheme) liberal assistance is given to potential medallists for customized training. A state-of-the-art sports infrastructure is provided at Sports Authority of India (SAI) Regional Centres for holding National Camps. High Performance Coaches including foreign coaches are engaged in high priority disciplines and funding towards diet, food supplements, equipment, sports competition exposure to national athletes has been increased significantly.
(c) In addition, SAI is implementing the following sports promotional schemes across the country to identify and nurture talented sports persons including women in the age group of 8-25 years and nurture them to excel at National and International competitions:
? National Sports Talent Contest Scheme (NSTC)
? Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC)
? SAI Training Centre (STC)
? Special Area Games (SAG)
? Extension Centre of STC / SAG
? Centre of Excellence (CoE)
? National Sports Academy (NSA)